European Commission

REGIO**STARS**

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#RegioStars

New features

Competition categories

- To allow every programme to participate, the competition categories will be aligned to Policy objectives (2021-2027)

- Enables authorities to better prepare and plan their applications (no more 'missing the train' for a certain, specific topic)

- Conversion table between 2021-2027 POs and 2014-2020 TOs will be provided in the guide for applicants

- No specific category for JTF, projects can apply within a suitable category

Competition categories from 2023 on

Competitive and Smart Europe

Green Europe

Connected Europe

More Inclusive Europe

Europe Closer to Citizens

Topic of the year

Focus on completed projects

- Applications of (only) completed projects will be accepted

- This is to ensure better comparability between projects, and to be better able evaluate the sustainability of the projects

2 phases selection process

- In order to give applicants and jury members the possibility for exchanges 2 stage selection process will be set up.

  - First stage: an assessment of all applications on paper and a selection of 5 finalists by category by an independent jury.

  - Second stage: during the EU regions' week a 'live' presentation of the finalists in front of the jury after which the winners will be decided.

National/regional competitions

- Some Member States and regions organise their own Regiostars competitions.

- No direct link will be created between between the EU competition and the local ones, but…

- the Commission will provide visibility to these competitions and participate in the ceremony if possible.

Timeline of the 2023 competition

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Timeline for 2023

Launch of the competition

February 2023

Close of applications

31 May 2023

Announcement of the finalists

30 June 2023

The EU Regions Week

Finalists pitch (2nd round of Jury assessment)

Ceremony

November/ December 2023 (Ostrava)

Thank you!

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